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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT NYERERE ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 5172

FOLLOWING REPEAT OF DAR ES SALAAM 4121

1. IN OCTOBER 13 CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE, I
REFERRED TO OUR DISCUSSION SOME MONTHS AGO ABOUT EAST
AFRICAN COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
GENERALLY. CONGRESS WAS INTERESTED IN SUBJECT, ESPECIALLY
IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN CONTEXT, AND WANTED STATE DEPARTMENT
AND AID TO LOOK IN TO IT FURTHER, INCLUDING GETTING AFRI-
CAN VIEWS. I HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED SUBJECT AT SOME LENGTH
WITH C.P. NGAIZA, PRESIDENT'S REGIONAL ECONOMIC ADVISER,
AND MR. QUIMBY FROM AID WASHINGTON WOULD SHORTLY BE HERE
FOR FURTHER STUDY AND TALKS. DID PRESIDENT HAVE ANY
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PERSONAL VIEWS ON SUBJECT?

2. NYERERE SAID HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR US WAS INTERESTED.
NGAIZA WAS MAN TO TALK TO. HOPE SHOULD NOT YET BE GIVEN
UP ON THE EAC. IT MIGHT BE BACK IN BUSINESS SOME DAY.
MEANWHILE, TANZANIA HAD BEGUN ARRANGEMENT WITH RWANDA
AND BURUNDI WHICH REALLY AT MOMENT WAS LIMITED TO KEGERA

VALLEY DEVELOPMENT. AIM WAS TO POOL RESOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS. RWANDA WAS HOPELESSLY OVERPOPULATED. TANZANIA HAD LAND AND COULD USE WORKERS FROM ANYWHERE. IT WAS WILLING TO TAKE IN LARGE NUMBER RWANDANS IF WAY COULD BE FOUND FINANCE KAGERA. HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF US COULD HELP.

3. I EMPHASIZED OUR PROBLEM WITH LARGE CAPITAL PROJECTS, LIMITING OF OUR CURRENT INTERESTS TO STUDY ONLY, AND FACT THAT OUR THOUGHTS ON REGIONALISM WERE NOW DIRECTED ESPECIALLY TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA IN CONTEXT ZIMBABWE SITUATION. WHAT DID NYERERE THINK SHOULD BE DONE IN REGARD TO LATTER? HAD HE THOUGHT AT ALL ABOUT A TANZANIAN, ZAMBIAN, MOZAMBIQUAN, ZIMBABWEAN COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT; MANY FACTORS WERE INVOLVED. MOZAMBIQUE AND ZAMBIA WERE SUFFERING ECONOMICALLY NOW BECAUSE OF RHODESIAN SITUATION BUT AFTER INDEPENDENCE ZIMBABWE, IF OLD COMMUNICATIONS ROUTES REEMERGED, TANZANIA MIGHT SUFFER.

4. NYERERE COMMENTED THAT TANZANIA HAD NOT SUFFERED MUCH TO DATE BECAUSE OF RHODESIAN SITUATION. IN AN ECONOMIC SENSE, TANZANIA WASN'T A FRONT LINE STATE AT ALL. FINANCE MINISTER MTEI HAD MENTIONED TO HIM THAT SOME IDEAS SIMILAR TO THOSE I WAS EXPRESSING HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP TO MTEI IN WASHINGTON. NYERERE WAS GRATEFUL FOR OUR INTEREST BUT HE WANTED TO PROCEED WITH THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION
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STEP BY STEP. LIBERATION FOR ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA WAS THE GOAL NOW.

5. WE COULD TURN TO ECONOMICS IN THE FUTURE. IT WAS TRUE THAT THE SITUATION WOULD BE DIFFERENT THEN. IN THE FIRST PLACE, COUNTRIES BORDERING ON SOUTH AFRICA WOULD HAVE TO REALIZE THAT NEEDED CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA COULD NOT BE PRECIPITATED BY ARMED ATTACK FROM THE OUTSIDE AS WAS BEING DONE WITH RHODESIA. CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA WILL COME ONLY THROUGH GREAT POWER PRESSURE AND THROUGH SOWETOS. THE BEST THING MOZAMBIQUE, ZAMBIA, BOTSWANA, ET AL COULD DO THEN WOULD BE TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN RESOURCES. FOR INSTANCE, MOZAMBIQUE SHOULD PULL ITS 200,000 WORKERS OUT OF SOUTH AFRICA BUT IT WOULD NEED JOBS FOR THEM.

6. IF THE US COULD HELP WITH THAT SORT OF THING FOR OTHERS, IT WOULD BE FINE. AS FAR AS TANZANIA IS CONCERNED AT THE MOMENT, US REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INTEREST REALLY FITS ONLY WITH KANGERA PROJECT INVOLVING RWANDA AND BURUNDI AND HE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING WE CAN DO WITH THAT. AFTER ALL THAT, WE COULD LOOK AT BROADER PICTURE.

7. COMMENT: ABOVE MAY REFLECT TO SOME DEGREE NYERERE'S
CURRENT PREOCCUPATION WITH THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL
ASPECTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICAD PROBLEMS. IT ALSO SHOWS LESS

INTEREST IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS SUCH(AND
POSSIBLY GREATER RESIDUAL HOPES FOR CHANGES IN KENYA AND
UGANDA THAT MIGHT BRING THE EAC BACK TO LIFE) THAN I HAD
EXPECTED. NGAIZA WAS CONSIDERABLY MORE ENTHUSIASTIC
ON WHOLE SUBJECT IN MY EARLIER TALKS WITH HIM, AND IT
WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT QUIMBY AND JOHNSON DEVELOP
IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MTEI, RWYEMAMU, AND OTHERS.
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